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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 30, 2007, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Thus, the rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matteoli et al. in view of Fuchikami et al. is respectfully traversed.

Fuchikami et al. disclose a method for producing fluorine-containing saturated aliphatic carboxylic acid esters. Conversely, the present invention as well as the invention of Matteoli et al. relate to a method for producing fluorine-containing acrylic acid esters. When producing fluorine-containing acrylic acid esters, there is a certain problem in that alkoxy fluorine-containing propionic acid ester is produced as a main product, which is disclosed as one example represented by the structural formula 4 of scheme 1 on page 288 of the Matteoli et al. reference. In accordance with the disclosure